

Mr. CANTOR. Well, I am told and hopeful as well there will be many more nuptials on your staff, I would say to the gentleman.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning-hour debate, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, for morning-hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. CHU). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

#### THIS YEAR'S DEFICIT SURPASSES \$1 TRILLION

(Mr. HERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, the Federal deficit has topped \$1 trillion, and there are still 3 months remaining in the fiscal year. Spending is out of control, and the President and Democratic leadership have shown no sign of slowing down. Americans are still asking, Where are the jobs? Unemployment stands at near 10 percent nationally, and the administration's massive spending increases are harming the small businesses that are so crucial to our job creation. President Clinton's former chief of staff has said, "The debt is like a cancer . . . it is going to destroy the country from within."

Madam Speaker, we must reject Big Government and embrace fiscal responsibility and the pro-small business policies that have guided our Nation out of troubled times in the past.

#### PROTECTING FLOODWAY PROPERTIES

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, thank you for your leadership; and, as well, I appreciate very much the debate that this House had just a few minutes ago about H.R. 5114, the Flood Insurance Reform Priorities Act of 2010. I rise to support that legislation and, specifically, to discuss an issue that really impacts all Americans.

An amendment that I crafted, a very effective amendment, would have prohibited States and local governments from misusing new Federal flood insurance program requirements to disadvantage businesses and homeowners in any way, meaning, to take their property away because they have misinterpreted the Federal laws as to whether or not your home is in a floodplain or in a floodway. Those of us from the gulf understand that very well.

Unfortunately, under Federal law, it is often misinterpreted by State and local officials, resulting in unintended consequences in many communities across this country. For example, in the White Oak community, 2,400 homes were being violated because a local government was misinterpreting whether or not these particular individuals could stay in their homes. Their values plummeted.

I am going to continue to work on this legislation going forward to ensure this language gets in the bill and that we fight to protect homeowners once and for all.

#### CELEBRATING HOWARD, PENNSYLVANIA'S BICENTENNIAL

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a lifelong resident of Howard, Pennsylvania, to honor its bicentennial.

Howard, albeit a small community of almost 700, has an extensive history dating back to its settlers in the late 1700s. It was officially formed by the Centre County Court in 1810 and named after English philanthropist John Howard. Howard features several historical structures, such as its post office built in 1828, a Methodist church dating back to 1843, and houses from 1810.

In the 1820s, Howard experienced growth due to industrial interests, as companies such as the Howard Iron Works attracted settlers. The first store in Howard opened in 1829, and the town was also known for its Woolrich factory during the last century.

I recently participated in the celebratory parade, which was followed by evening fireworks. The sense of community is great in Howard. Seeing residents come out and celebrating our history truly is wonderful. Our small size fosters a rare connection among the residents, store owners, and all government levels, and we are proud of this friendship.

I hope to see Howard continue to prosper through another 200 years. It's a great town and a welcoming place to live.

Congratulations to Howard and its citizens on its 200th anniversary.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### STAFF SERGEANT JESSE AINSWORTH—UNITED STATES ARMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it's with great pride but a heavy heart that I honor a fallen son of Texas tonight, a United States Army soldier from my Second Congressional District.

Staff Sergeant Jesse Ainsworth gave his life fighting terrorists on a battlefield in a far, faraway, desolate land near Kandahar in Afghanistan on July 10, 2010. He died from injuries caused by an IED, the weapon of terrorists, those cowards that hide in their holes in the rugged deserts and come out like rats at night and plant roadside bombs to kill Americans, women, and children.

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This is Jesse Ainsworth. He was 24 years of age. He was an American warrior, and he was born in Texas and Jesse was an all American boy. He loved to hunt and fish in the woods near his home in Dayton, Texas. And after attending Dayton High School, he joined the United States Army.

He was a team leader with the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment of the 10th Mountain Division out of Ft. Drum. Jesse served two combat tours in Iraq before deploying to Afghanistan. And, Madam Speaker, he re-enlisted after his second tour of duty in Iraq and then that is why he went to Afghanistan.

Yesterday, I talked to Jesse's mother, Margeret Hutchins, and she said a lot about her son. They live in a little small community called Kenefic, just outside of Dayton.

Jesse was Margeret's only son. And Margeret said Jesse was her hero. She said she used to pick him up when he was a little kid from kindergarten, and every Friday they'd go to Wal-Mart and buy some toy for him. She said ever since Jesse was an itty bitty fellow he wanted to be a soldier in the United States Army.

And the last time she talked to him, Jesse said he was setting up camp out in the middle of no place in the middle of the desert. And he asked his mother to send him, in the next care package, a Big Red soft drink and some Copenhagen chewing tobacco in that care package. Jesse was all Texas.

Jesse loved the Army, he loved his country, and he loved being a soldier. He was doing what he wanted to do. He was an Army man.

All of the flags in the small town of Dayton, Texas, are flying at half mast this week. There are signs all over this town of just 5,000, handmade signs, electronic signs throughout the community honoring Jesse.

The services will be held on Saturday at the Dayton Community Center, and the whole town will turn out to honor their native son and honor his family.